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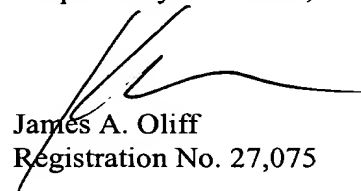
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- ☒ 2. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto. See Reference 2.

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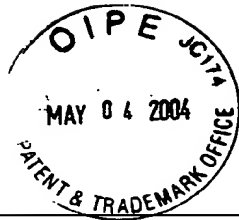
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